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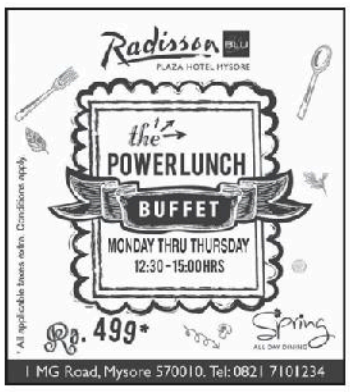


Back to School

Students attending physical classes at Maharani's High School in city this morning. Picture right shows students of Marimallappa's High School waiting for their turn to handover the consent letters from their parents to the teachers.

Mysuru/New Delhi, Aug. 23 (MTY, SSV&BCT)- Over 50 percent of 9th and 10th standard students attended physical classes this morning in Mysuru city for the first time after a gap of nearly 18 months.

The first PU classes are yet to start as the admission process has not yet been completed. Second PU classes have already resumed in the offline mode for a couple of weeks.

"Both 9th and 10th standard classes have begun and the response of students is more than what we had expected. The classes are on smoothly without any problems," Deputy Director, Department of Public Instruction (DDPI), Mysuru, Ramachandraraje Urs told *Star of Mysore* after he inspected a couple of schools to see the arrangements.

Meanwhile, reports from New Delhi this morning said that a committee of experts constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has warned of an imminent third wave of COVID that could peak around October and sought better medical preparedness for children who might be at similar risk as adults.

The committee noted, "Paediatric facilities — doctors, staff, equipment like ventilators, ambulances, etc. — are nowhere close to what may be required in case a large number of children become infected."

The report has been submitted to the Prime Minister's Office today.

(See SCHOOL on page 7)

HC issues guidelines
on child surrender by parents
Case of unwed couple from Mysuru who refused to accept their baby

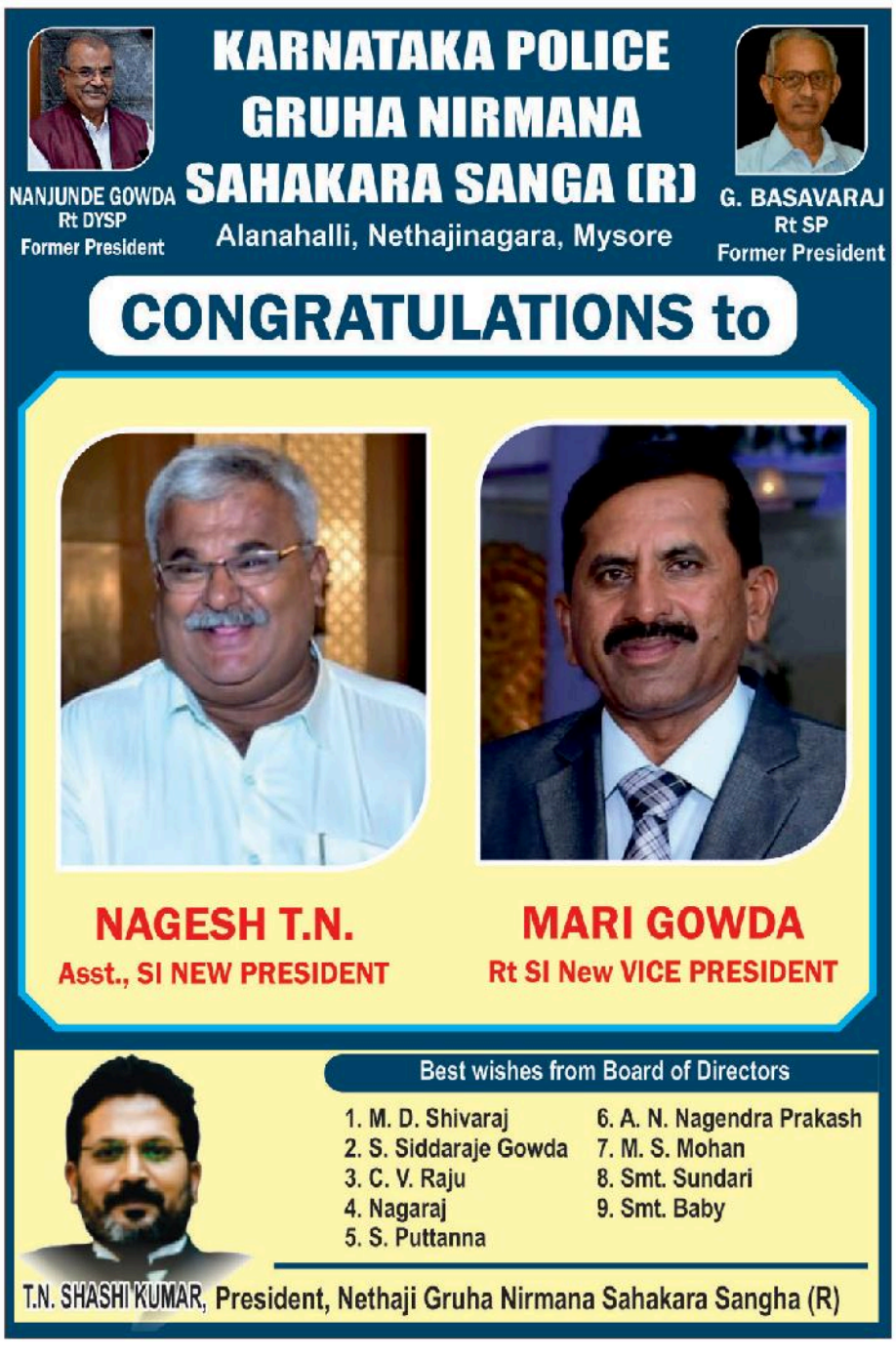
Bengaluru/ Mysuru, Aug. 23 (BCT)- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has laid down guidelines for Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) to deal with situations where parents are unable to look after their child.

The HC Bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice N.S. Sanjay Gowda issued the guidelines recently in the wake of an unmarried couple, who lived together in Mysuru, expressing their inability to take care of their child.

In June this year, a child was born to a couple (both 21-year-old) who were in a live-in relationship for two years. During their college days, they took up a house on rent at Saraswathipuram in Mysuru as they could not afford to rent individual accommodation.

At the time of renting the house, the couple had told the landlord that they were married. Even neighbours thought that they were husband and wife. However, both the families came to know about the relationship after the girl became pregnant and the issue reached the Police Station following a complaint by the landlord.

(See GUIDELINES on page 6)



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 23rd August 2021

Lions Club of Mysore South
installation ceremony on Aug. 26

Mysuru, Aug. 23- Lions Club of Mysore South has organised the installation ceremony of Ln. B. Smitha Devaiah as the President and her team of office-bearers for the Lionistic Year 2021-22 at Hotel Kalyani near Bharath Cancer Hospital in Hebbal on Aug. 26 at 6 pm.

Ln. Smitha

Past District Governor Ln. K. Devegowda will administer the Oath of Office. PST Forum District Chairman Ln. Krishnegowda will induct new members to the Club. MP Pratap Simha, Ln. U.T. Khader (MLA), Major Biddanda Nanjappa (retd.) and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will be the guests of honour.

Club President Ln. H.G. Vittala will preside.

First lady President in 36 years

An advocate by profession and practicing at Mysuru Law Courts, Smitha Devaiah will take over as the first lady President of Lions Club of Mysore South in 36 years.

She is also the Panel Advocate for MUDA, State Bank of India (SBI), Union Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank.

Hailing from Kodagu, Baduvanda Smitha Devaiah of Maldare (Ballachanda family) is the daughter of B.P. Ganapathy and Gangamma of Kadangamuroor.

Elected to University of Mysore SC/ST Employees Association

Mysuru, Aug. 23- The following persons have been unanimously elected as the new office-bearers of Mysore University SC/ST Employees Association at the Association's General Body meeting held on Aug. 16:

Prof. J. Somashekar (President), Revanna (Vice-President), Prof. R. Thimmarayappa (Gen. Secretary), E. Bhavyarani (Secretary), Subramanya (Treasurer), Prof. Ramesh, Prof. Gangadhar, Prof. Jagadish Kumar, Prof. Madesh, Dr. Krishnaiah, Dr. Chandrashekar, Dr. S. Narendra Kumar, Dr. Vasudevamurthy, Purushotham, Manjula, Ningaraju, Kumuda, Veerendra Patil and G. Mahadevu (Executive Committee Members) and Lokesh & Vinod (Members).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Deepika Padukone has been dropped from — or has dropped out of — Sanjay Leela Bhansali's forthcoming film Baiju Bawra after making a perfectly reasonable request — that she be paid remuneration equal to her co-lead's pay. Incidentally, she is also married to her former co-lead, Ranveer Singh. What I would really like to see now is Ranveer Singh taking a stand. Will he drop out of the film as well, and make a statement about how he did it because his co-star was not being paid equally? This could encourage a ripple effect of beneficial copycatting in the industry, and bolster Padukone's own stand, thus making it easier for others to both discuss and demand pay parity.

Will Ranveer Singh tell the producers to reduce his own wages so that they would be able to afford hiring both Padukone and himself for the project? The second possibility will be a nice, smart way to snub those who denied Padukone her rightful income. As very successful actors who, being married and all, probably pool some or all of their incomes, neither of them would be making a major artistic or financial compromise this way. More importantly, it would publicly be an exposure of how such calculations are made by producers to begin with, and how they automatically privilege male stars.

— Sharanya Manivannan in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

This golf course pond houses bull

Brisbane: One may have probably heard of crocodile-infested golf course ponds before, but one unique golf course in Australia is home to an even greater threat that makes water hazards truly dangerous – sharks.

The 14th tee at the Carbrook Golf Club in Brisbane is a tricky one, as it's close to a 21 hectare, 14-meter deep lagoon that happens to be the home of a dozen full-grown bull sharks. They've been around since the late 1990s, and even though the species is notorious for its aggressiveness, especially against humans, the bull sharks of Carbrook have become somewhat of a tourist attraction. The club even has a monthly tournament named after its unusual inhabitants, Shark Lake Challenge.

Most dangerous rodeo bull that ever was

Madrid: Riding rodeo bulls is dangerous by definition, but one bull, in particular, gave even the world's best riders such a hard time that he became known as the meanest rodeo bull in history. This is the story of the legendary Bodacious.

Getting thrown around like a ragdoll or stomped on by a 900 kg bull is anything but safe, and some bulls are particularly good at injuring the cowboys attempting to ride them. There are many legendary bulls in this sport, but none as famous and as feared as Bodacious, a mighty beast that was retired by its owner while in his prime for fear that he might end up killing a rider.

As a matter of fact, out of the 135 riders who tried to stay on his back for the required 8 seconds during his career, Bodacious bucked off 127 of them, most in the first second or two. And some of those who succeeded the first time got a taste of the bull's revenge on their second attempt.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The word "anesthesia", was coined by Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809–1894) in 1846 from the Greek □v-, an-, "without"; and α□σθησις, aisthēsis, "sensation" refers to the inhibition of sensation.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anesthesiology

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Deadline extended

Mysuru, Aug. 23- The city based KSOU (Karnataka State Open University) has extended the deadline for payment of exam fees for annual/semester exam of its various courses, with a penalty of Rs.200, to Aug.31.

Earlier, the deadline for online payment of exam fee with Rs.200 penalty was Aug.21.

Following the extension of deadline upon a request by students, the University students who have enrolled for various Graduate, Post-Graduate, Post-Graduate Diploma and Certificate courses offered by the Varsity in the academic years between 2001-02 and 2014-15 and 2018-19 to 2020-21, can now pay the annual/semester exam fee online with a penalty of Rs.200 till Aug.31, according to a press release.

For more details, log on to the University website *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in* or call the Helpline 88003-35638.

REALLY...?

- ***A lobsters blood is colourless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue.***
- ***Goldfish can see both infrared and ultraviolet light.***
- ***Black on yellow are the 2 colours with the strongest impact.***
- ***The meaning of 'Blue Chip' comes from blue casino chips which have a high value.***
- ***The 'black box' that houses an airplane's voice recorder is actually orange so it can be more easily detected amid the debris of a plane crash.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Father: *How did you get on with your maths test today?* ***Son:*** *I only got one sum wrong.* ***Father:*** *Well done. How many sums were there?* ***Son:*** *Twelve.* ***Father:*** *So you got eleven right?* ***Son:*** *No, they were the ones I couldn't do!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.27
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.36
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.03

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 22
Day's Positive Cases	102	79
Total Positive Cases	1,75,182	1,75,261
Day's Discharges	109	85
Total Discharges	1,71,834	1,71,919
Day's Deaths	1	1
Total Deaths	2,349	2,350
Total Active Cases	999	992

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Dangerous barrier cleared from Bogadi-Gaddige Road

Then *Now*

Sir,

I would like to thank *SOM* for publishing my letter titled ***"A Dangerous Barrier on Bogadi-Gaddige Road"*** highlighting the pathetic condition of the said Road and also the Government agency which responded with swift action as soon as the matter was published in *SOM* dated Aug.8.

Never should we look down on Governmental agencies with disdain. Yes, there are a lot of drawbacks with them. But they also are highly responsible too, as it proves in the above case.

The very next day of the matter being published, action was taken. Yesterday after the curing period was complete the obstruction was removed and now the road is properly commutable.

— A concerned reader
Bogadi 20.8.2021

Retd. Hindi Prof. passes away

Mysuru, Aug. 23- S. Kempalingaiah (92), retired Hindi Professor and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday evening at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He had also served as the Director of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Milk Union, as Secretary of JSS Old Students Association and as Vice-President of Veerashaiva Mahasabha of Chamarajanagar District.

Elder brother of retired DCF S. Shivalingaiah, he leaves behind his wife, one daughter, three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Chandakavadi in Chamarajanagar district this afternoon.

Fairy's Touch
Since 2015

Fairy's Touch Cakes specializing in cupcakes and occasion cakes celebrates it's seventh year of existence this week.

They take pride in being the ones to introduce and popularize cupcakes to a whole generation of youngsters in Mysuru.

A lot of youngsters spent their college years with Fairy's Touch cupcakes for almost all celebrations of theirs.

Initially popular with the young population of Mysuru Fairy's Touch cakes have found its way to many a family function patronized by the young and old alike.

Fairy'sTouch cakes are known for their cupcakes and cakes which are made of butter and finer ingredients which are healthy.

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The philosophy guiding Fairy's Touch cakes ***"cupcakes for all"*** ensure that high quality products are available at affordable prices.

CUPCAKES AND CAKES

7 Years of Existence

Only limited numbers of cupcakes are baked daily to ensure that available stocks are always fresh.

Fairy's Touch cakes also bake occasion cakes freshly on order and restrict to only three cake a day to maintain quality and consistency.

Fairy's Touch cakes are a regular gifting idea for people from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Hassan and Shivamogga also.

Fairy's Touch cakes have three ranges of cupcakes with flavor cupcakes, red velvet cupcakes and chocolate cupcakes.

Contact: 7259757637 or 9740301678 Advt.

Vedike welcomes KSOU's move to withdraw order on issuing Convocation Certificates

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (PM&DM)- Accusing the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) of coming up with a circular on issuing Convocation Certificates to all eligible students enrolled through collaborative institutes on or before 2012-13, Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike President K. Shivaramu maintained that KSOU withdrew the circular following a directive from University Grants Commission (UGC).

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Shivaramu, who is also a former KSOU Board Member, claimed that KSOU had issued a circular on giving Convocation Certificates to students enrolled on or before 2012-13, by manipulating a Governor's directive, which had asked for holding of a special Academic Council meeting.

Pointing out that he had complained to the UGC and the Governor against KSOU's circular, he said that his complaint has borne fruit as the University withdrew the circular.

Asserting that the awardance of Convocation Certificates did not find a mention anywhere in the Governor's directive on the conduct of Academic Council meeting, Shivaramu alleged that the KSOU tried to manipulate the Governor's directive. He also accused KSOU Vice-Chancellor of misleading the Varsity officials.

Vedike office-bearers R.K. Ravi, Lokesh Madapura and others were present at the press meet.

Former VC demands probe into KSOU's irregularities

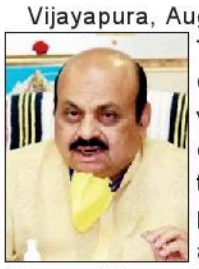
Meanwhile, former KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. S. Ramegowda has demanded a thorough probe into the irregularities that are said to be taking place in KSOU in the name of the Varsity's Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

In a press release, Dr. Ramegowda said that it has come to his notice that the University was appointing 50 new teaching faculty on a five-year contract.

Pointing out that the University once had just 50 Professors for 1.5 lakh students, he questioned the rationale behind the appointment of new Professors for a five-year period when the University's student strength was not even 50,000.

Alleging that KSOU had come forward for distribution of Convocation Certificates to over 77,000 students who had enrolled with the University through collaborative institutes, he reiterated his demand for a thorough probe into all the alleged irregularities that have taken place in KSOU over the years.

Govt. to bear expenses of black fungus treatment till patients recover: CM



Basavaraj Bommai

Vijayapura, Aug. 23 (SSV)- The State Government will bear the entire cost of treatment of patients afflicted with black fungus till their recovery, announced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Talking to reporters here yesterday, he said the cases of black fungus (Mucormycosis, commonly called black fungus), were on decline. The Government was aware of the fact that those patients were struggling to meet the medical expenses as each dose of injection will cost Rs.10,000 to Rs.12,000.

They need to take this injection even after their discharge from hospital. To reduce this burden on families, the Government has decided to bear treatment expenses till patients recover completely, he added.

The CM said according to statistics provided by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, a total of 3,836 Mucormycosis cases are reported in the State of which the maximum of 1,207 cases are from Bengaluru City, 342 in Dharwad, 228 in Vijayapura and 213 in Kalaburagi. However, the mortality rate has been very low, he added.

According to doctors, two types of doses are used for the treatment of fungal infection, one is Liposomal Amphotericin B, which costs Rs. 8,000 per vial and has no side effects and another is Lyophilised Amphotericin B, which costs Rs. 400 per vial and affects kidney functioning. An infected patient needs anywhere between 60 to 70 vials during the treatment.

Third wave

Speaking of the possible COVID-19 third wave affecting children, Bommai said, "As per recommendations made by experts on the third wave, camps for children to monitor their health will be set up."

"The Women and Child Welfare Department will provide malnourished children with food kits. Children who are sick will be shifted to district hospitals," he said and added that the Government has directed district hospitals to prepare ICUs for children.

No comments on caste census report

Hubballi, Aug. 23 (SSV)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai refused to comment on caste census report since the matter is pending before the Court.

"The report is being studied by Backward Classes Commission. The Court is seized of the matter and still there is time for its settlement. Anyone including Opposition parties is free to meet the PM in this regard", Bommai said while talking to reporters here yesterday.

Bommai sets a target of 5 lakh vaccinations per day in State

Belagavi, Aug. 23 (UNI) - Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Saturday that a target of five lakh COVID-19 vaccines per day has been set and they will do everything to achieve it.

Speaking to media persons after holding a meeting at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, he said that Karnataka has sought one crore vaccine units from the Centre.

The State Government has successfully controlled the COVID-19 pandemic and has set up 10 oxygen production units in the State. All these units will be commissioned in the next 20 days, he said.

An extra 15,000 units of the vaccines will be provided to the districts so that 40,000 units of the vaccine per day can be administered, he added.

The CM said that his Government has taken a note of shortage of dialysis centres in the State and will initiate action to meet the requirement.

The winter session of Karnataka Legislative Assembly will be held at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha here in December, the CM said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Aradhana Mahotsava

The 350th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendraswamy will be held at Abhinava Mantralaya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram, from Aug. 23 to 25. For details, contact Srinath on Mob: 94490-90449 or visit: *www.abhinavamantralaya.com.*, according to a press release from Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt.

Weekend curfew: Library open days

With the Government extending the weekend curfew in the city and district till the end of this month, the City Central Library, all Branch libraries, Kuvempu Mobile Library and all other reading rooms across the district, will be open on Mondays (Aug. 23 and Aug. 30), instead of Sundays. In a press release, Deputy Director of Libraries B. Manjunath said that all Libraries run by the Department will be open on Aug. 23 and 30 and this change will be in force till Aug. 30.

Deadline extended till Aug. 25

The Department of Technical Education has extended the deadline for admission to three-year Diploma in Engineering courses at Polytechnics across the State, till Aug. 25. Interested SSLC-passed students can obtain the application forms at the city's CPC Polytechnic and apply with all documents before 5 pm on Aug. 25. For details, log on to the website: *https://dtek.karnataka.gov.in/*

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	120.18	feet
Yesterday	:	120.18	feet
Inflow	:	5,723	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,545	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.18	feet
Inflow	:	2,870	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,750	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.76	feet
Inflow	:	2,160	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,850	cusecs

'Personnel at Bavali border take money to allow people without RT-PCR report'

Vishwanath

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (PM&SSV)- BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath has accused the personnel at Bavali check-post on the border of Karnataka and Kerala of taking money to allow people from across the State without RT-PCR negative report.

Addressing a news conference here yesterday, he said the Case Positivity Rate (CPR) was very high in Kerala resulting in high Corona positive cases daily. To protect people's health, the Government of Karnataka has made it mandatory to produce RT-PCR negative report got done within 72 hours before entering the State from both Kerala and Maharashtra. However, the personnel at the Bavali check-post are reportedly collecting money to allow people from the neighbouring State without insisting on negative report. This has defeated the very purpose of the Government's intentions, he added.

The MLC urged the Government to close this border till the situation improves in Kerala in the interest of every one. Senior officers must make surprise visits to keep a tight vigil in the border. By intensifying checking at the border, the Government must withdraw the weekend curfew imposed on Mysuru city from 9 pm on Friday up to 5 am on Monday in view of low positivity rate. Traders are badly hit due to weekend curfew, he noted.

New district

Vishwanath said he and Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath have convened a meeting of traders, citizens and members of various organisations and associations to stake claim to make Hunsur as 32nd district of Karnataka.

The meeting will be held before the commencement of joint session of the State Legislature from Sept.13. Meetings in other four to five taluks will be held thereafter to take everyone into confidence. Since there are instances of forming new district with just two taluks, let the Government declare Hunsur as new district in memory of former CM D. Devaraj Urs.

Slams Simha

Taking a dig at Mysuru-Kodagu BJP MP Pratap Simha for staking claim for ten-lane Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway project, the MLC said this project was conceived when he (Vishwanath) was the MP. This project was not the work or achievement of Simha but of the previous UPA Government, previous MP, previous CM Siddharamaiah and previous PWD Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. "You start any new project to take claim," he noted.

Attacks GTD

Vishwanath also sought to know the contributions of Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) in Unduwadi Drinking Water Project and said it was JNNURM Project which he (Vishwanath) got approved and sanctioned funds from the Union Government.

School reopening

Welcoming the State Government's decision to re-open 9th to 12th standard classes from today, the MLC wanted the Government to ensure its re-opening not only in urban areas but also in rural areas by taking all precautions. Cleanliness must be given priority in Schools along with clean drinking water and total sanitation of classrooms, he stated.

A file photo of Mysuru DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham and others inspecting Bavali check-post.

Attempt to enter Karnataka using fake RT-PCR report

H.D. Kote Police arrest three Keralites

Jabeer

Shariff

Ranjith

H.D. Kote, Aug. 23 (KS)- H.D. Kote Police have arrested two persons for attempting to enter Karnataka State using fake RT-PCR report and have also arrested another person who had prepared the fake test report.

On Saturday, two persons from Kerala, who came to Bavali check-post in Karnataka-Kerala border, produced the fake RTP-CR reports to enter into Karnataka and were caught.

The arrested are Jabeer, Shariff and Ranjith, all from Vellimunda city of Wayanad district in Kerala.

The Police have also seized a computer and other equipment used to prepare the fake test reports. Another accused identified as Nishad has gone absconding.

Details: Following information that people from neighbouring Kerala State were entering Karnataka through Bavali check-post using fake RT-PCR test reports, H.D. Kote Police comprising SI Jayaprakash and staff Abdul Lathif, Vishwa and driver Mahadevashetty were conducting checking of vehicles at Bavali check-post, when accused Jabeer and Shariff, who came in a goods vehicle, produced the fake reports.

But when the Cops scanned the QR code mentioned in the test reports, the Police came to know that they were fake and took Jabeer and Shariff into custody. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police team, which went to Vellimunda city, arrested Ranjit, who runs a tours and travels agency and seized the computer and other equipment used to prepare the fake reports.

Another accused Nishad has gone absconding and the Police have launched a hunt to nab him. Jabeer and Shariff were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

Family feud: Couple commits suicide

Nanjangud, Aug. 23 (RS&KS)- A couple, fed up with frequent fights over family issues, committed suicide by jumping into Rampura Canal near Himmavuhundi village on Friday.

The deceased are Basavaraju (35) and his wife Shobha (28), residents of Himmavuhundi village. While the body of Shobha was traced near Alathur village yesterday, search is on to trace the body of Basavaraju.

An agricultural labourer, Basavaraju had married Shobha 11 years back and the couple have a five-year-old son.

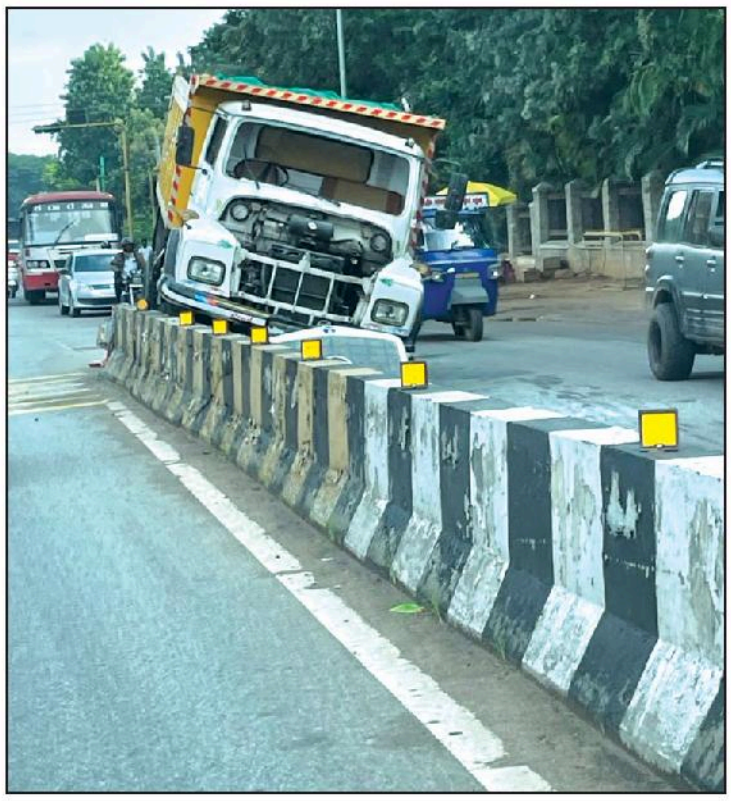
Meanwhile, Chandra, Shobha's brother, in his complaint to Nanjangud Rural Police has stated that there were differences in opinions between the couple, which used to lead to frequent fights between them.

He has further stated that on Friday last, the couple again indulged in a quarrel and Shobha jumped into Rampura Canal. Basavaraju, who came behind Shobha, also jumped into the canal.

ASP Shivakumar, Inspector Shivananjashetty and staff visited the spot, conducted mahazar besides registering a case.

Police said that the body of Shobha was handed over to the family members after post-mortem.

Driver absconds after
crashing truck into road median
K.R. Traffic Police seize vehicle



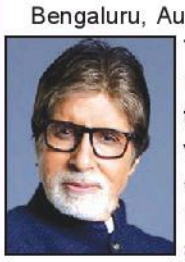
Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RK&KS) - A truck, proceeding towards Nanjangud from Mysuru, crashed into a road median near Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on the busy Mysuru-Nanjangud Road in the early hours of today. The vehicle and the median have been badly damaged in the incident.

Soon after the incident, the truck driver has fled from the spot, leaving the vehicle behind.

K.R. Traffic Inspector Manjunath told *SOM* that the truck has been seized and is towed to the Police Station. As the driver had fled from the spot soon after the accident, efforts are being made to trace the owner of the truck,

Inspector Manjunath said and added that the truck would be released only after the truck owner gets the road median repaired.

Big B's Rolls Royce Phantom seized in Bengaluru !
Documents of luxury car sold in 2019 still in actor's name; insurance too unpaid



Amitabh Bachchan

Bengaluru, Aug. 23 (BCT)- The Rolls Royce Phantom car that was once owned by Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan has been seized in Bengaluru by the Transport Department for not having valid documents and insurance.

The luxury car (MH 02, BB 2) worth over Rs. 3.5 crore, is still registered in the name of 'Big B' despite the actor selling the car to Babu of Umrah Developers in Bengaluru in 2019.

Amitabh Bachchan is famous for his love of fancy cars and owns a Mercedes S-Class, a Range Rover, a Bentley GT and a Lexus SUV.

The Rolls Royce Phantom, however, has remained in the actor's name as it was not transferred to Babu's name.

The luxury car was gifted to him by filmmaker Vidhu Vinod Chopra after the two worked together on 2007's *Eklavya: The Royal Guard*. It is not yet clear how much did Babu pay Amitabh Bachchan to purchase the luxury on wheels.

Additional Commissioner of Transport Department Narendra Holkar and RTO Inspector Thippeswamy led the raids on luxury cars and Holkar told reporters that Big B's Rolls Royce did not have valid insurance papers too and the insurance had lapsed two years back. Babu did not get the car transferred to his name as per law as he did not want the celebrity status attached to the car to change.

Along with Amitabh Bachchan's car, 10 more luxury cars too including Porsche and Ferrari have been seized for violations. Holkar said that to avoid taxes in Karnataka, car owners get their luxury vehicles registered in other States like Pondicherry where the taxes are low.

Notices have also been served to the owners to produce valid documents and the luxury vehicles have been impounded.

Man released after serving eight years in jail kills wife
Absconds after burying body in field

Malavalli, Aug. 23 (KS)- A 42-year-old man, who was released from jail about six months ago, after serving for eight years in a murder case, has again committed murder and this time, he has allegedly murdered his wife, buried the body in a field and has gone absconding.

The incident took place at Kalluveeranahalli in the taluk and the accused is Shivaraju alias Kiccha of the village.

Details: Shivaraju, who had married his sister's daughter Rani, has an 11-year-old son. Shivaraju, who had committed a murder in Doddaballapur, was sentenced to eight years jail. After serving the sentence, he was released from jail about six months ago and was staying at his house in the village.

It is learnt that Shivaraju, who suspected that his wife was having an affair, used to quarrel with her and had also assaulted her.

Yesterday morning, villagers who saw blood stains in front of the house, suspected something fishy but did not find Shivaraju or Rani in the house.

The villagers then followed the blood stains which led to the agricultural field of one Yogesh, where the villagers saw a portion of the land dug up and covered. The villagers immediately informed the Police.

Mandya SP Dr. Ashwini, Malavalli Dy.SP Lakshminarayana Prasad and staff, who got the dug up portion opened in the presence of Tahsildar Vijayanna, found the body of Rani and got the post-mortem done.

Malavalli Rural Circle Inspector Dhanraj, Sub-Inspector B. Ravikumar and staff also visited the spot. Malavalli Rural Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hut to nab Shivaraju, who is absconding.

Huge tree uprooted near Mission Hospital

A huge tree got uprooted and fell across the road bringing down power cables along with it near Mission Hospital this morning. Luckily, no one was injured in the incident as it took place in the wee hours of today. As soon as the power lines were snapped, CESC immediately switched off the power supply as a precaution. CESC Assistant Engineer Shivakumar and staff immediately rushed to the spot and the MCC's Abhaya team led by Shivu also reached the spot and cleared the fallen tree.

Violation of weekend curfew
116 vehicles seized on Saturday, Sunday

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (KS)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police, who conducted special drives during weekend curfew on Aug. 21 and 22 across the city have seized a total of 116 vehicles that were found moving on city roads unnecessarily.

On Aug. 21, the Police have seized 53 two-wheelers and five cars which were found violating the COVID guidelines and moving unnecessarily during the curfew. On Aug. 22, 56 two-wheelers and two cars have been seized for violating the guidelines.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has urged the public to follow COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government to prevent the spread of the deadly virus and co-operate with the Police.

Footpath encroachment drive

Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who conducted footpath encroachment clearance drives on Nrupatunga Road, Ashoka Road and Hinkal Main Road on Aug. 22, have booked two cases under Karnataka Police Act and three cases under Indian Motor Vehicle Act besides issuing five notices and collecting a total fine of Rs. 3,000 from the footpath encroachers.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharaswamy guided Inspectors and staff of all Traffic Police Stations in the footpath encroachment clearance drives.

Belachalawadi Lake near Begur breaches

Standing ragi, jowar, sunflower crops in 70-acre land destroyed

Belachalawadi Lake that breached yesterday. [Pics. by Kiran Begur]

Begur, Aug. 23 (Nagesh,Kiran&BCT)- Standing crops and stored fertilisers in the fields worth several lakhs of rupees were lost as the Belachalawadi Lake near Begur in Gundlupet taluk breached yesterday. Many farmers have lost their standing crops and tonnes of fertilisers that were stored in the fields to be sprinkled at a later stage.

The lake was filled to the brim under the State Government's scheme of filling lakes using river water to help farmers irrigate their fields and also to recharge groundwater. But despite cracks visible on the lake bund, no measures were initiated to prevent a breach, alleged villagers.

Though the lake breached yesterday morning, no officer from the department concerned visited the place till this afternoon. Villagers said that last evening MLA Niranjankumar had come to the spot and though he had directed officers to visit the place immediately, no one had bothered to visit the area. The lake is empty now and all the water is still in the fields with no outlets.

Crops have been destroyed in over 70 acres of land destroying sunflower, jowar, ragi and sugarcane plantations. "We had stored fertilisers in our fields to sprinkle them when it rained. Also, we have invested thousands of rupees on fishlings in the lake," said villagers.

Water has entered into a school downstream the lake and has joined the Kamaralli Lake and the Begur CESC office that supplies 220/6 KV electricity too is in danger. One Mahesh who was proceeding on the road nearby on his bike

was nearly washed away due to sudden flash floods that resulted after the breach. Luckily he was saved by alert passers-by. However, Mahesh's bike could not be saved and it fell under the bridge.

Likewise, the house of Shivananjashetty was submerged downstream and he was pulled to safety by fire brigade personnel. Seeing their standing crops and fertilisers washed away, villagers staged a flash protest demanding compensation. MLA Niranjankumar reached the protest site and called up the officers to restore the breach and also see to it that other sides of the lake are secured.

The lake breach also led to political squabble with Chamarajanagar Milk Union (ChaMUL) President H.S. Nanjunda Prasad and others alleging that the water to the lake was filled by former Minister late H.S. Mahadeva Prasad and his wife Dr. Geetha Mahadeva Prasad. They alleged that MLA Niranjankumar neglected cracks in the lake bund that led to the breach.

HC issues guidelines

on child surrender by parents

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The child was born at a hospital in Bengaluru and the couple and also the families refused to accept the baby due to the social stigma. They had left the child at the house of one of their friends. The unmarried parents declined to take care of the baby even after the Police, High Court and the CWC made attempts to convince them during in-camera proceedings.

They told the Court that they have to focus on their studies and it would not be possible for them to bring up the child. But they were willing to give the baby up for adoption. The child is now being taken care of in an NGO and the CWC, after completion of the process of surrender, has also issued a certificate that the child can now be adopted.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed in the High Court by Letzkit Foundation, Bengaluru, which had brought to the Court's notice the need of protecting the new-born child, based on reports in newspapers about the Mysuru case.

Guidelines to CWC

As per the guidelines issued by the High Court, the CWCs should conduct proper identification of the parents of such children. The CWCs should ensure they meet the parents individually and collectively in a bid to ascertain facts related to the surrender.

Further, the parents should be identified if they are biological parents to the child. While physical, emotional and social factors that are beyond the parents' control to take care of the children are important, a straight-jacket formula cannot be used to determine the same as well.

Further, the guidelines mentioned that the parents should attend counselling from child psychologists in Government medical institutions. The final decision on the surrender should be taken based on the outcome of counselling, the High Court noted. It added that CWCs have been asked to confirm that the surrender is not intended to benefit adoption agencies as well.

Three-month time

The Bench found it necessary to issue guidelines for the CWCs on how to conduct inquiry and counselling under Section 35 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, as the State Government had failed to frame the rules. Stating that the guidelines would be in force in the absence of the rules, the Bench directed the Government to frame the rules within three months.

The PIL drew the attention of the Court towards unscrupulous agencies indulging in the illegal process of adoption taking benefits from such situations. The Bench said the CWCs would have to ensure that the application for parents' surrender of the child was genuine and not intended to benefit the specialised adoption agencies. The Bench also said the petition would remain pending till the child was validly adopted.

Decision to re-open Primary Schools by month end: CM Bommai

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai interacting with students of Nirmala Rani High School in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, this morning.

Bengaluru, Aug. 23 (UNI)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai today said a decision on re-opening Primary Schools will be taken at the end of the month after consulting the experts.

"The experts are meeting towards the end of the month. Considering the present situation, we will take into account two things. One is with regards to COVID situation in border districts and second is to take a call on re-opening of Primary School, from first to eighth standard, at the end of the month," he told reporters here.

Bommai himself visited the Nirmala Rani High School at Malleshwaram in Bengaluru and interacted with the students and heard their experiences of attending online classes. He also discussed about COVID norms to be followed by them.

The CM was accompanied by Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Yajurveda Upakarma held

Upakarma held at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (SSV)- 'Yajurveda' upakarma was held at various places in city yesterday.

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha had organised the programme at Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, where the Brahmins changed the sacred thread, chanted Gayatri Mantra and participated in other rituals. On behalf of Mysore District Brahmin Yuva Vedike, the books on Sandhyavandana and Bhagavad Gita were distributed free of cost.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Tirumalachar of Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, called upon people to make use of their lives on good deeds without wasting it. No one must wish bad for others.

District Brahmin Yuva Vedike General Secretary Vikram Iyengar, Organising Secretary Ajay Shastri, Kadakol Jagadish, Prashanth Bharadwaj, Rangan K. Iyenger of Sabha, Venkatesh, Dr. Kamala Raman, Nirmala, Madhurao, Venkatesh, Ranganath and others were present.

Havyaka Sangha and Mysuru Havyaka Parishat had jointly organised a programme at Havyaka Bhavan.

The rituals were held under the guidance of Dr. Suresh Hegde. Havyak Sangha President L.N. Hegade, and others were present on the occasion.

The Upakarma was also held at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar under the guidance of Srinivas.

MCC by-poll for Ward 36

Shobha Ramesh is BJP candidate

Shobha P. Ramesh

Rajani Annaiah

S. Leelavathi Mahesh

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (SBD&DM)- Just a day before the deadline of nomination papers for the MCC by-poll for Ward 36, the BJP on Sunday announced that it was fielding Shobha P. Ramesh as its candidate.

Shobha Ramesh's name was announced at a BJP meeting held at the party office in Chamarajapuram here yesterday evening, which was attended by MLA L. Nagendra, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa and a host of other BJP leaders.

Shobha is the wife of Ward 36 (Yaraganahalli and Ambedkar Colony) BJP President Ramesh, who is said to be an auto-driver by profession.

Ramesh is engaged in the organisation of the party in the Ward for nearly two decades and his work has now been rewarded with the party allotting the ticket to his wife Shobha.

The Ward is reserved for Backward Class-B Woman category. The by-poll has been necessitated following the High Court order annulling the election of JD(S) Corporator Rukmini Madegowda from the Ward, who was elected as the City Mayor in February this year.

Following the announcement of her candidature, the BJP candidate Shobha Ramesh filed her nomination papers at the MCC office here this morning, with today (Aug. 23) being the last day for filing of nominations.

The by-poll is scheduled to take place on Sept. 3 and the counting of votes will be taken up on Sept. 6.

The JD(S) has fielded S. Leelavathi Mahesh, co-sister of former Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, who had represented the Ward and the Congress, Rajani Annaiah, who lost the 2018 MCC polls to Rukmini.

JD(S) candidate Leelavathi Mahesh and Congress candidate Rajani Annaiah too filed their nomination papers today.

The scrutiny of all nomination papers will be taken up tomorrow (Aug. 24) and the deadline for withdrawal of nomination is Aug. 26.

Meanwhile the JD(S) and Congress candidates have made a headstart to the by-election by launching their campaign on a full-scale in the Ward last week itself. The BJP Candidate is expected to start her campaign from today.

With all the three major parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) — having announced their candidates, the by-poll is expected to witness a close triangular contest.

In the polls held in 2018, the BJP had come a distant third after the JD(S) and Congress.

Brahmakumaris celebrate Raksha Bandhan

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (SPN&DM)- The city's Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya celebrated Raksha Bandhan (Rakhi Festival), dedicated to brothers and sisters, by tying rakhi to journalists at its premises in Yadavagiri here yesterday.

Brahmakumari Lakshmiji tied rakhi to Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar to mark the celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, Lakshmiji said that Raksha Bandhan is an auspicious day during which a sister ties a thread on her brother's wrist and prays for his long and prosperous life.

Highlighting the objective behind the tying of rakhi, she said that the Vidyalaya is celebrating this important festival by tying rakhi to journalists, thus sending a message on brotherhood.

Noting that it is common to see a brother giving a token of love to his sister who tied rakhi on him, Lakshmiji said that she has prayed the almighty for the welfare of the whole of society.

Regretting that people nowadays are tending to forget our rich culture and heritage, she appealed the people to develop good habits and cultivate a helping nature and thus be blessed by the almighty.

MDJA General Secretary M. Subramanya, Photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, Jayaram, Brahmakumaris Meena and Sharada, Brahmakumara Ranganath and others were present.

Back to School: Only 20 inside classrooms

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DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs said according to an estimate, over 50 percent of students are attending offline classes. Only 20 students are allowed in each classroom. All safety protocols prescribed by the State Government are duly followed in both Government and private schools.

"It was a happy moment to see students voluntarily coming back to school. However, online classes are on for those who are not willing to attend offline classes yet," he added.

Educational institutions had remained closed since March 2020 when COVID-19 swept the country. Plans made by the State Government to reopen schools and colleges in the last one year had been discouraged by experts due to high Case Positivity Rate (CPR) and high mortality rate.

After much deliberations, debates and many rounds of discussion, the Government headed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai decided to open the gates of schools and colleges from today (Aug. 23) after following all safety protocols.

Accordingly, Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh held several rounds of meetings and issued strict instructions to follow the guidelines issued by the Government keeping in view the safety of students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

Festive look

All the schools wore a festive look and colourful rangolis were drawn to welcome students. Teachers and management representatives stood near the gates to welcome students.

The students of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala in Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, displaying the consent letter from their parents.

Institutions were decorated with the colourful buntings to create a positive mood among students who have taken the risk of attending offline classes.

While a few parents dropped their children near the gates, others came in their own vehicles and many in public transport.

The school authorities had drawn up white boxes from the main gate till the classrooms to make the students come in a queue and with social distancing. Teachers clapped as mask-wearing students attired in the school uniforms walked into the premises.

Strict checking

Teachers checked every student with thermal scanners and pulse oximeters before allowing them inside. As decided by the Government, classes started at 10.30 am and ended at 1.30 pm. Attendance was not mandatory for students and classes were taken for both offline and online.

Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

By **S.B.S. Surendra,** Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Acquiring abundance and wealth

Feng Shui will help you rearrange what you have to create the best possible visual impression, so that your home will look more orderly, more balanced, and more beautiful. With a little bit of resourceful thinking, you can make Feng Shui work just by re-imagining how you can use the things you already have. The few specific decorative items used in Feng Shui that you may wish to purchase, like plants, mirrors and chimes, are not too expensive. So even if you do indulge in a bit of shopping to complete your Feng Shui project, it would be worth the effort and time invested. No doubt for a proper arrangement and correct Feng Shui, you would need some professional advice and guidance.

The fundamental principle of any Feng Shui or Vaastu design is based on the premise that nature's energies should be in balance in a place of dwelling or work. Any Energy imbalance could cause disturbances and could lead to discomfort and illness too. Human body and mind has a great impact and gets affected due to change in energy in the immediate surroundings.

For women, the handbag is part of her appearance, dress and make over. Hence, the kind of energy the handbag exudes has a strong influence on the person carrying it. A woman's handbag or the men's wallet is also the place where he or she carries wealth and financial power. Hence, proper care and maintenance of the handbag or the wallet is essential.

For a women, an attractive, organised purse makes her feel better and more in control of her life and same is the case of wallets for men. When the wallet or handbag is in a mess and you can't find anything when you need, there is a sense of loss.

Some simple suggestions to maintain good energy in a wallet or handbag are:

• **Keep your handbag or wallet elevated:** Never put them down on the floor, suspending it on a hook is acceptable but "grounding" it is supposed to drain away the auspicious Chi of the bag.

• **Organising the coins:** Do not dump small coins into your purse where it will fall to the bottom of the bag and reflects a sense of disrespect to the money you possess. Organising it in a coin purse ensures that not only it is well-preserved but easily accessible when required.

• **Preserving keys:** Dumping keys into the bag along with money is also bad Feng Shui as it symbolises quick "exit" of wealth like opening a door. Use key organisers or even better, it can be hooked onto the purse edge for easy access.

• **Keep the wallet and purse clean:** Do not dump half eaten food, chewing gums and bits & pieces of used paper or tissues into your hand bag as it is not a trash can but a container of your personal wealth. Of course, carrying fresh unconsumed food is acceptable not left overs and things which should go to the trash can.

• **Maintaining balance:** Do not use up all the money in your wallet or hand bag and never keep them empty. Ensure that you always have residual balance in your wallet or handbag because emptiness signifies break in cycle of your wealth flow.

• **Loving your wallet or hand bag:** Take proper care of your wallet or handbag and if you wish to buy a new one, don't buy it unless you absolutely love it and then treat it that way as long as you possess it.

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Zilla Panchayat CEO visits RUDSETI Mysuru

Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh** (third from left) **unveiling the 29th year Activities Report of RUDSET Institute Mysuru recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 23- A.M. Yogesh, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Mysuru, visited RUDSET Institute here in his capacity as the Chairman of District-level RUDSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting held quarterly in every financial year.

K.N. Ananda Nayaka, Director, RUDSETI, apprised him about the progress achieved during the last financial year.

The DLRAC Chairman reviewed the progress and appreciated the Institute for its yeoman service provided to the rural unemployed youths.

He also provided valuable suggestions for further improvement in the functioning of the Institute. Saplings were planted as a symbol of his visit to the Institute. He also unveiled the 29th year Activities Report of the Institute.

The members of DLRAC P. Gopinadha Shastry, Assistant General Manager, Lead Bank Office, State Bank of India (SBI), T. Venkatasubbaiah, District Development Manager, NABARD, B.M. Savitha, Project Director, DRDA Cell, ZP, Yadava Murthy, Chief Manager, Karnataka Grameen Bank, Mysuru Region and N. Prasanna Kumar, Administrative Officer, SDME Society, Mysuru, attended this review meeting.

Kumara Swamy, Manager, Lead Bank Office, SBI and Rajesh, District Manager, DMMU-Sanjeevni, ZP, Mysuru, were also present on this occasion.

Installation of new teams of Lions Club & Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown

The installation ceremony of the new team for Lions Club of Mysore Midtown was held on Aug. 14 at a private hotel in city. Seen are** (standing from left) **Past President Lion Nataraj, Secretary Lion Rajanikanth, Dileep, Chief Guest and Installation Officer Lion N. Mohankumar, mjf, GLT Coordinator, First Lion Lady Shilpashree, President Lion Pradeep, Dist. Chairperson Lion Gopalswamy and Lion Halappa with beneficiary of a service project Shivanna Nayaka.

The installation of new team of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown was held recently. Seen are** (sitting from left) **Club Secretary Vimala Nagaraj, President Asha Mahesh, Installing Officer PDC Chandrika Raghu, IPP Rashmi Kaveramma, EC Geetha Krishna;** (standing from left) **Treasurer Sandhya Suresh, EC Komala Vishwanath, Goals Coordinator Savitha Srinath, Vice-President Ashwini Raghavendra, ISO Jayalakshmi Rajeev, Jt. Secretary Smitha Anil, EC Sheela Urs and EC Kusuma Chandrashekar.

Trekking expedition amidst the pandemic fear

When the people of the State were gripping under the fear of the pandemic, few adventure buffs took a leap into the mountains as a stress-buster. It was pandemic time here in Karnataka and the State where we were visiting was abated with challenges like monsoon tragedies — cloud bursting, sudden surge of the waters in rivers, landslides, caving of the roads, falling stones, drowning of the trekkers in the rivers, banning of the activities by the State administration and rebuttal of the same — all was bedlam, says **Krishna Murthy,** a Software professional from Mysuru.

As we left, there was fear in the eyes of people at home, asking themselves was it necessary to go for the expedition during this pandemic and the monsoon related tragedy in the visiting State, but here the goal was set to get out of homes to beat the stereotype lifestyles, says **Adithi R. Rao,** an architect student of Mysuru city.

On 21st July 2021, we left for Bengaluru airport and boarded the flights to Chandigarh, later to be followed by a tempo traveller ride to the Chheti Base Camp site in Naggar village in Kullu district.

On 22nd July, we went on acclimatisation walk to Roerich Art Gallery and Museum, followed by packing the ruck sack for the trek scheduled from the next corresponding day.

Next day, we boarded the vehicle for Jobri Hydroelectric Project from where we trekked amidst the Hampta Valley to the Chikka camp. The valley mesmerises any trekkers with lush green ambience and the gurgling sound of the Hampta River gives a soothing music to the ears. I was more mesmerised by seeing maple trees, oaks, birch and bhojpatra trees, says **Manjunath Nayak** of Mysuru.

Fear of rains was always haunting us, but fortunately Lord Indra was very graceful to pour his blessings on us only in the night times.

Drama in Streams: On 24th July, when we were trekking to the Balu Ka Ghera Camp, the path was full of yellow and violet colour flowers and we were wondering how it would be in the month of August 2021.

When we were seeing few participants struggling hard to cross the small stream, we were wondering what is this drama all about, thought they were just chilling in water, but when it was our turn, we were stunned by the chilling waters, it freezes the blood circulation of the body. So we wedged the hands of each other and moved slowly to cross the stream. As soon as we came out, we simply jumped on the ground to make sure that blood doesn't clot in the legs. It was a chilling experience, says **Harish Kumar Mage** of Sakleshpur. On 25th July, it was the D-Day and the spirits were high as we were bound to climb the summit of the Mt. Hampta (14,100 feet) in Pir Panjal Range in Himachal Pradesh and cross the pass to enter the Spiti Valley.

The Summit of Mt. Hampta Pass of 14,100 feet in Pir Panjal Range in Himachal Pradesh was ascended on 25th July, 2021 at 1.35 pm by the trekkers of Karnataka State.

Trekkers criss crossing the paths in the mountains.

It was almost 10-11 hours trek to the peak amidst the lush green grass, streams and glaciers paths to climb and at the culmination on the summit, we hoisted the Tricolour. While descending the Spiti Valley to reach the Sheogaru, all the trekkers experienced the jitters of the descend on their knees.

26th July was historic day ('Vijay Diwas' or 'Kargil Vijay Diwas') as we were crossing the stream again adjacent to the camp-site itself. It was chilling water down streams, but it sends shivers in the spine. You have to experience all this things in the trek, says **Manjunath Gowda,** a photographer from Mysuru city.

On the same day as we culminated the trek, we took a vehicle and drove to the Chandratal Lake which is at 15,000 feet and we again trekked to the lake; the bluish water lake can mesmerise any soul on this earth. It was like a feast to the eyes and icing on the success story of the Mt. Hampta pass which is at a height of 14,100 feet, says **Nagesh Kumar** of Hassan.

Trekkers went through arduous weather like rains, caving of the road, struck in the off roads for hours and removing the stuck vehicles, landslides, avalanches, falling of the stones. Though most of us were vaccinated with one or two doses, all COVID protocols were strictly followed during the trek, says DSD Solanki, adventure enthusiast and Founder-Trustee, Tiger Adventure Foundation, Mysuru, who led the seven-member team from Karnataka. The trekkers were Nagesh Kumar and Harish Kumar of Hassan, Manjunath Nayak, Krishna Murthy, Manjunath Gowda, Adithi R. Rao of Mysuru.

27 push-ups on 3 bottles in 30 seconds !

City lad Tejas enters International Book of Records

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (MK&SSV)- City lad D.S. Tejas has etched his name in International Book of Records by making 27 push-ups in 30 seconds by balancing on three empty bottles.

A final year BA student of Maharaja's College, he is undergoing training in Karate Do Gojukhan at Srirampura and Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore. He created this international record on April 7, 2021.

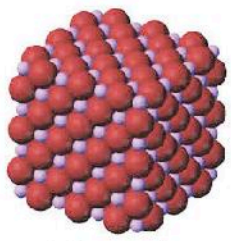
He has been practicing Karate along with studies and has won the prizes in various inter-Varsity, State and National-level Karate Championships. He had secured first prize (Black belt division) in the State-level Dasara Karate Championship and first place in Mysore Varsity Inter-Collegiate competition in 55 kg category.

Tejas has won first prize (Senior Division) in Invitation National Karate Championship held in Mysuru in 2019, first prize (57 kg category) in Mysuru District Inter-Club Kick Boxing Championship, first in State-level open E-Kata Championship (senior Black Belt category), first in E-Kata Championship conducted by Karnataka State Karate Association, first place in State-level Goju Championship (senior category) and All India Inter-Varsity Championship held in Chennai last year.

Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, has complimented Tejas for achieving a rare feat by doing 27 push-ups on three empty bottles within 30 seconds.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bromide



Pronunciation: BROH-myde.
Meaning: A bromide is a commonplace or hackneyed statement or idea.
Origin: After bromine was discovered in 1827, chemists could not resist experimenting with the new element. It didn't take long before they found uses for its compounds, in particular potassium bromide, which was used as a sedative to treat everything from epilepsy to sleeplessness. By the 20th century, bromide was being used figuratively to apply to anything or anyone that might put one to sleep because of commonness or just plain dullness.
Example: "A banal bromide like 'trust the science' helps neither science nor the public in the long run. The key is effective communication: neither proselytizing nor bland recitation of the facts." — Cory Franklin, The Wyoming County (Pennsylvania) Press Examiner, 9 Dec. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Bangtail

Mustang or wild horse.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Better Safe Than Sorry

Meaning: It's better to choose the safer option than the riskier one, because if you decide to go with the riskier option, then you may later regret it.
Origin: As the saying goes, better safe than sorry! However, when it comes to safety, people do not always choose the safer option when it is available. For example, some people decide to leave their doors unlocked when leaving their home. "I live in a good neighbourhood, it'll probably be fine," they reason. But how would they feel if they came back to a burglarised home? Obviously, they would regret their decision to not lock the door.
Another example is driving. Some people don't want to wear a seat belt in their car. "I'm a safe driver, I'll be okay," they reason. That might be true for the most part, but all it takes is a single time for another driver, perhaps a drunken one, to swerve into another car. This potentially fatal situation would be even more dangerous if nobody is wearing a seat belt! Thus, if two options are available, one of them safe, the other risky, it's probably better to pick the safer option, otherwise you might be sorry later on!

QUOTE BOX

Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated. **—Confucius**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Czechoslovakia.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 VT now
4 Bleat of a sheep or a lamb
7 Belonging to it
10 Charles Lamb's pseudonym?
11 Air Data Tester
12 Egyptian river
14 Chinese orange
16 Move very fast
17 Twice one
18 Automated online program
19 Energetic gusto
20 Something sticky to chew?
21 Road vehicle
22 Fijian island
24 Oval shape
28 Three for Tiberius
29 Afternoon meal
30 Race, sprint
31 Naive
33 Printer's measures
34 Scottish port
35 Drunkard
37 Fierce stare
40 American Medical Association, acronym
41 Inlet for "air" change !
44 Sitarist Shankar
45 Frailty
47 Son of Seth, grandson of Adam?
48 Table scrap
49 Jane Austen novel
50 Tolkien's tree like creature
51 In the public ___ ; receiving much publicity?
52 Castaway's call

DOWN
1 Scratch with nails
2 Combining form for Chinese
3 Small child
4 Weather glass?
5 Mine opening
6 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
7 Clarify
8 Layer
9 European - "Val's" changed ?
10 CPR specialist
13 Before or previous to, poetically speaking
15 Rajasthan's Mount ____
19 Virtuoso guitarist Steve ___
20 Eric Clapton for one
21 Fellow student
22 "Ali" turning into a girl?
23 Tune
25 French article
26 Total
27 Abstract being?
32 Alkaline slurry used in soap making
36 Acorn bearer
37 Grad. Rec. Exam.
38 Narrow alley
39 English county
40 Eagle's nest
41 San ___ : Italian city
42 Distinctive doctrines
43 Dead _ _ dodo (2,1)
45 Misfortune
46 Video game mfr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

W	E	L	T	■	R	I	B	■	S	P	E	D
A	N	O	N	■	A	D	R	■	H	E	R	R
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E	M	T	■	P	R	O	S	P	E	C	T	S
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P	U	L	L	O	V	E	R	S	■	U	H	F
E	R	E	I	■	A	P	A	■	T	R	I	O
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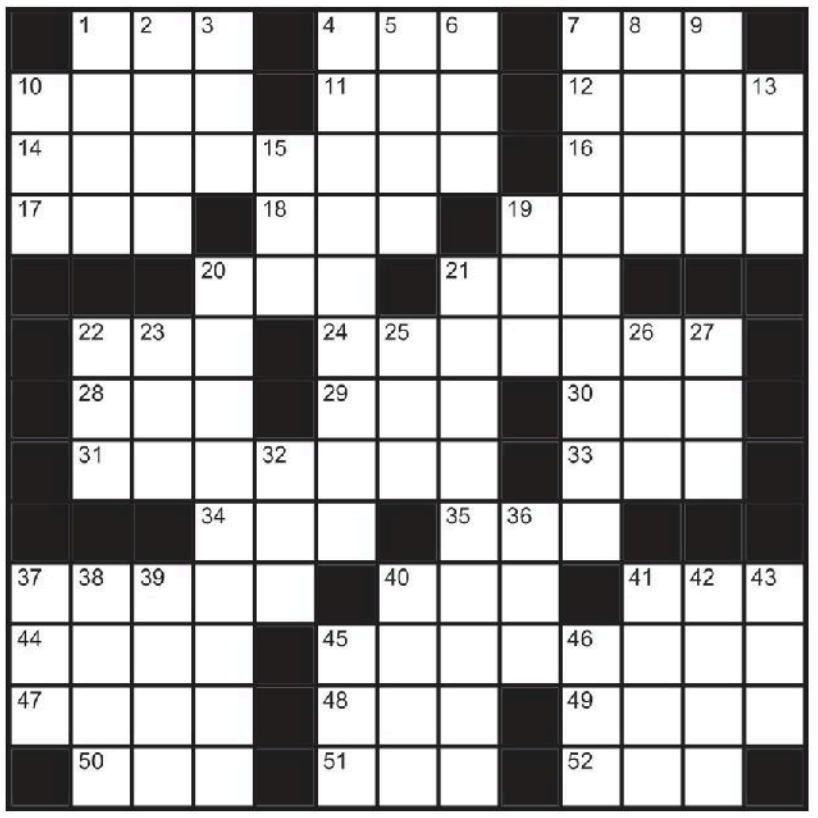

SUDOKU

	6		8				7	
	5	8	6				9	4
1			5			2		
9							2	
		5				4		
	2							3
		2			1			6
4	3				7	9	5	
	7				9		3	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	1	5	9	8	4	2	3
8	3	5	7	2	4	6	1	9
2	4	9	6	1	3	7	5	8
1	7	4	2	3	6	8	9	5
5	2	8	4	7	9	1	3	6
6	9	3	1	8	5	2	7	4
9	8	7	3	4	1	5	6	2
3	5	2	8	6	7	9	4	1
4	1	6	9	5	2	3	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZVK XJPT LV ITJFE LXJL YN ZVK BLJFL RJHYEQ BKFT

ZVK NTTI QVVU, TPTFZLXYEQ MYII DT VHJZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go but where they ought to be.

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	(S-1)	4.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 6.25 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 3.50 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 6.25 pm
Shardula (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Paagal (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-3)	6.10 pm

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		4.30 pm
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.30 pm
	(S-4)	5.00 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Shardula (K)	(S-3)	2.20 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	11.20 am
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-4)	1.40 pm

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		2.15 pm, 5.15 pm
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Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	:	2.30 pm
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	:	10 am, 1.30 pm, 5 pm
Kanabadutaledu (Te)	:	2.20 pm
Paagal (Te)	:	1.15 pm
Demon Slayer (E)	:	4:15 pm
The Conjuring (E)	:	11.35 am, 5.35 pm

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Groufie (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.30 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 4 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Tokyo Paralympic Games (Aug. 24 - Sept. 5)

Five athletes, six officials from Indian contingent to attend Opening Ceremony tomorrow

Tokyo, Aug. 23- Only six officials from the Indian contingent are allowed to take part in the opening ceremony of Tokyo Paralympics on Tuesday (Aug. 24), Chef de Mission Gursharan Singh said yesterday. India will thus have 11 members participating in the opening ceremony, the remaining five being athletes.

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled to begin around 4.30 pm (IST). There is no cap on the number of athletes for the opening ceremony but only seven Indian participants have reached Tokyo so far. Of those 7, two TT players — Sonal Patel and Bhavina Patel — have competition on Wednesday and will not take part in the ceremony, during which Japanese Emperor Naruhito will declare Games open.

"Only six officials are allowed for the opening ceremony while there is no cap on the number of athletes," Chef de Mission Singh, who is also the Secretary General of Paralympic Committee of India, said. "The two Table Tennis players have competition the next day, that is Wednesday, so they are not taking part in the opening ceremony."

The same rule of having a cap of six officials during the opening ceremony was followed during the Tokyo Olympics.

The five athletes expected to take part in the opening ceremony are flag-bearer Mariyappan Thangavelu, discus thrower Vinod Kumar, javelin-thrower Tek Chand and powerlifters Jaideep and Sakina Khatun.

Out of the six officials taking part in the opening ceremony, four have been decided, which include the Chef de Mission, Deputy Chef de Mission Arhan Bagati, COVID-19 Chief Liaison Officer V.K. Dabas and Mariyappan's coach and Para Athletics Chairperson Satyanarayana.

A third batch of Indian athletes is leaving on Monday but those part of it will have to serve a quarantine period before being allowed to train. India are being represented by 54 athletes — the biggest ever — and the country is expecting its best medal haul this time. In view of the surging COVID-19 cases in Tokyo, fans have been banned from the Paralympics, just like the preceding Olympic Games.

Someity, the official mascot for the 2020 Paralympic Games, presents a decoratio of the symbol of Paralympic Games called three 'agitos' after it was unveiled at a ceremony to mark 100 days to go until the opening of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, which have been postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 outbreak, at Tokyo Metropolitan Government building on May 16.

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Guv announces cash award to three Tokyo Olympic participants

Bengaluru, Aug. 23 (UNI)- Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot announced a cash award of Rs. 1 lakh each to 3 sportspersons who represented India at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

According to a communiqué issued here on Friday, the awardees are Aditi Ashok (golf), Fouaad Mirza (equestrian) and Srihari Nataraj (swimming).

Thaawarchand Gehlot

The Governor additionally introduced a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh to girl's hockey coach Ankita Suresh. Aditi Ashok and the women hockey team secured 4th place in their events.

The Governor would soon arrange a function at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru to felicitate the sports persons and the coach.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 23)

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KSRTC resumes bus service to Tamil Nadu

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (PM&DM)- After a four-month gap due to the second wave of attack of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the Mysuru Rural Division of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) resumed operations to Tamil Nadu this morning.

Mysuru Rural KSRTC Divisional controller K. Srinivas told *'Star of Mysore'* that 12 buses have plied to various destinations in Tamil Nadu such as Coimbatore, Erode, Tirupur and Ooty since morning.

However, KSRTC bus services to Kerala has not been resumed from Mysuru due to an order from the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, citing high number of COIVD positive cases there, he clarified and added that the resumption of services from Mysuru to Tamil Nadu is as per the State Government's decision.

The KSRTC had suspended bus operations to Tamil Nadu and Kerala on Apr. 27 last when the second wave of the pandemic struck, it is learnt.

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